

I. Strategies

Based on the “Issues” identified in the previous section, several strategies were developed to improve the operation of Tims Ford State Park. Each strategy was evaluated by park staff and assigned a priority rating (High, Medium, Low) and number of years to achieve (2, 5, 10). Those items listed in **bold** are strategies that reflect a “System-wide” need and are not exclusive to Tims Ford State Park.

Priority	Year	Category	Strategy
1	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Develop and recommend personnel staffing upgrades and needed positions in order to carry out expanded responsibilities in implementing the “Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management and Disposition Plan” as it impacts the park
2	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Identify and recommend budget proposal in transferring TERRM funded positions and all related expenses to the Tims Ford State Park budget
3	2	Personnel	Re-evaluate and prepare an improvement request for park and TERRM positions (identify the priority of each position)
4	2	Interpretive Facilities and Programs	Seek additional personnel and funding in staffing and expanding interpretive programs
5	2	Equipment	Identify funding to address equipment needs (based on issues under section H)
6	2	Safety and Security	Assess and identify safety and security equipment needs (including radio coverage) and seek funding
7	2	Park Infrastructure	Evaluate alternatives to build a new visitor center/office facility that addresses the office space needs for TERRM staff, files, and equipment.
8	2	Facilities Management and Maintenance	Seek funding of a capital project to construct a new visitor center and office building for the park
9	2	Park Infrastructure	Evaluate and propose a wastewater treatment system in cooperation with other public agencies including the possible use of a private contractor (e.g., TVA and local utility districts) and/or private entities

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10	2	Park Budget and Funding	Prepare a legislative proposal for justifying an increase in the state appropriations in order to meet the new demands and the expansion to the park
11	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Address and resolve through the Tims Ford Land Management and Disposition Plan Implementation Team issues relating to the responsibilities and management of TERRM land and property among TDEC, Tims Ford State Park, TVA, and TWRA
12	2	Safety and Security	Develop an interagency agreement between TDEC, TWRA, and TVA regarding enforcement procedures and jurisdictional responsibilities
13	2	Land Based Resources	Conduct boundary surveys to determine and identify areas of encroachments
14	2	Land Based Resources	Develop an evaluation procedure to resolve encroachment issues. (System-wide)
15	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Work with TWRA on hunting requirements on TERRM lands and state park property in determining applicable authority (statute, rules, or policy) for regulating hunting.
16	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Delineate hunting areas on a TDEC/TWRA map
17	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Identify applicable hunting seasons (e.g., turkey, deer, etc.)
18	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Identify applicable categories for hunting (e.g., shotgun, bow, etc.)
19	2	Safety and Security	Identify a safety and security needs and study the uses and impacts of the additional boat ramps (TERRM properties)
20	5	Marketing	Develop a marketing plan for the Tims Ford State Park, as a whole (would address the issues identified under section H. 14.)
21	2	Safety and Security	Develop an action plan for patrolling the park and TERRM properties

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22	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Seek State Building Commission approval for a long-term policy/procedure in conducting an annual auction for the Fairview Campground campsites
23	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Evaluate TERRM roads for compliance with TDOT standards and assess the park's responsibilities
24	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Evaluate and identify policy and procedures for developing camping on the six islands
25	2	Management Options, Impacts, and Constraints	Develop policy and procedures for camping in backcountry areas and on the islands
26	2	Assessment and Planning	Conduct a natural and cultural resources inventory
27	2	Assessment and Planning	Conduct visitor demographic studies
28	2	Assessment and Planning	Update information on the social and economic impact of the state park on the community
29	2	Facilities Management and Maintenance	Assess costs associated with services provided to the Bear Trace Golf Course.
30	2	Visitation	Develop proposal for funding traffic counting equipment
31	2	TERRM Operations and Resources	Develop list of capital projects for future funding
32	2	Land Based Resources	Identify optimal boundaries and land acquisition needs
33	2	Recreation Facilities and Programs	Improve working relationships between the state park and the Bear Trace through special arrangements in the use of their facilities to maximize revenues
34	2	Visitation	Apply new methodology for calculating the visitation numbers (Note: Office of Strategic Planning is developing park system-wide visitation methodology.) (System-wide)

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35	2	Safety and Security	Evaluate the mounted horse program to determine its best use including personnel needs in order to maintain (System-wide)
36	2	Natural and Cultural Resource Management	Coordinate between the state park and the Bear Trace golf course regarding the native plants and Iris Fund program to assure consistency in the planting of native plants
37	5	Facilities Management and Maintenance	Request capital project and seek funding to renovate the Fairview and State Park Campgrounds in order to meet industry standards for campgrounds
38	5	Assessment and Planning	Conduct a cultural resources inventory
39	5	Land Based Resources	Develop a land use plan (incorporating the Land Zoning criteria) for the park including existing and future lands (as delineated in the Land Management and Disposition Plan)
40	5	Natural and Cultural Resource Management	Identify other sources (funding or resources) to assist in conducting natural and cultural resources inventory (System-wide)
41	5	Park Infrastructure	Develop handicap accessible facilities for the swimming pool, and picnic areas as well as the TERRM properties, where appropriate
42	5	Retail Operations and Facilities	Identify funding to address retail operations and facilities needs
43	5	Facilities Management and Maintenance	Evaluate the need for additional trails as part of the land use plan for the state park
44	5	Retail Operations and Facilities	Develop a proposal for establishing a 200-person capacity meeting space facility that encourages increased use in all seasons
45	5	Personnel	Request a salary (pay scale) study for lifeguards and all other positions
46	5	Recreation Facilities and Programs	Seek additional personnel and funding in staffing the swimming pool
47	10	Natural and	Address the erosion problems along the

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		Cultural Resource Management	shoreline, trails, campsites and picnic table pads
48	10	Park Infrastructure	Evaluate the potential expansion of the park regarding the development of an inn, restaurant, and conference center
49	10	Retail Operations and Facilities	Establish “point of sale” capabilities for bike rental, camping, and swimming
50	10	Recreation Facilities and Programs	Seek funding to develop a group camp or lodge and a scout or primitive group camping area